

City of Camanche
October 15, 2024

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session October 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Austin Pruetz presiding, and Council members Bowman, Edens and Klahn. Council members Farrell and Weller were absent. Also present were City Attorneys Randy Current, John Frey and Braydon Roberts, City Administrator Andrew Kida, and Department Heads Grim, Pewe, Schmitz, Schutte and Schneider.

A moment of silent prayer was observed. Mayor Pruetz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Edens to approve the Agenda. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruetz called for public comments on Agenda topics. There were none.

Visitor Gary Hill, 610 3rd Street, addressed the Council regarding junk and salvage. He said the City is starting to clean up some places and asked what the City is going to do to stop from going back to where it was and how do we stop it from being a dump site for everyone else to dump stuff off at. He sees it every day, stuff that's dumped off. He asked what's going to be done about that; what's going to be done to stop what the City's cleaning up from going back to what it was. Councilman Bowman asked if he was reporting the dumping on our Mobile 311; he is not. Bowman recommended that he does, and this can help the issue in the future. City Attorney Roberts explained that we have actually dealt with a municipal infraction where a resident cleaned up their junk but let it accumulate again and the City cited the resident. When there are repeat infractions, there is a process, but it can be slow. The Court only hears these cases once per month. He stressed the municipal infraction is a last resort. Chief Schutte provided additional information regarding the property Mr. Hill was referencing. On October 8th, a complaint was filed in 311; October 9th the Enforcement Officer visited the site and took pictures; October 11th, a letter went out; October 14th, there was a conversation with the property owner; October 15th, the cleanup was in progress. He emphasized that action is being taken when complaints are filed and wanted Council to know that staff are doing what they are supposed to do. It is a process and it takes time. Kida showed the Mobile 311 program where all of the actions taken and documentation were logged.

Moved by Councilman Klahn, second by Councilman Bowman to approve the Consent Agenda which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on October 1, 2024; approve Abstract No. 858 which includes the following:

CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	736.16
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	24,000.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	13,576.75
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	YARD WASTE	110.00
CORE-VENS & COMPANY	WORK COMP POLICY ENDORSEMENT	7,971.00
CULLIGAN	WATER, DISP RENT-CITY HALL	38.20
DEMCO INC	BOOK COVERS,BOOK TAPE-LIBRARY	272.17

EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHT-ANAMOSA RD,9TH ST	109.94
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	MARKING PAINT-WATER,SEWER LOC	196.09
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	196.48
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCTIONS	1,012.00
J & C ENTERPRISES	SEPT 24 COLLECTION	95.68
ELECTRONICS INC	ANNUAL INSPECTION-LIB ALARM SYST	199.00
MASTERCARD	LIBRARY-QUAD CITY TIMES SUBSCR	37.99
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	606.95
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	2,687.06
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIES-POLICE DEPARTMENT	94.38
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	12,098.39
GREG NELSON	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
QUILL CORPORATION	RIBBONS-RECEIPT PRINTERS,OFFC SUP	71.92
SCHIMBERG CO	MARKING PAINT-WATER,SEWER LOCA	251.24
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG-WELLS 5,7,8;SPL PAD;9TH STREET	28,596.64
STREICHER'S	MACE-POLICE DEPARTMENT	169.89
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SEPT 24 SALES,WATER EXCISE TAX	2,841.77
HAWKINS INC	90 GAL AZONE, 80 GAL LPC	2,742.21
BRIAN WERNICK	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	96.00
WINKELPARKER & FOSTER	PROGRESS BILLING-FY24 AUDIT	16,950.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	2,545.68
DEPENDABLE DRAIN & PLUMB	703 3RD AV-DUG UP CURB STOP	1,300.00
PETERSEN SANITARY INC	PORTABLE TOILETS-PARKS	1,020.00
PREMIER PARTS INC	HOSE FITTINGS/SILICONE-S JET	53.61
BWC EXCAVATING	JET SEWER LINE-4TH AV & 11TH	792.00
OVERDRIVE	FY2025 BRIDGES E BOOK CONTENT	1,396.80
ERIC DAU	SEPT 24 PAID ON CALL	400.00
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERV	COLLECTIONS-LIBRARY	34.95
TUMBLEWEED PRESS INC.	SUBSCRIPTION-TUMBLEBOOK	499.00
AMAZON	1 DVD	19.96
FREY, HAUFE & CURRENT PLC	LEGAL SERVICES-SEPT 24	5,489.13
SPARKLEAN	SEPT 24 CLEAN-CCENTER,PW,CHALL,PD	1,126.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,165.00
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	72.76
BRENT BRIGHTMAN	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	5.00
CLINTON ROTARY CLUB	QUARTERLY DUES-KIDA	211.00
DANNY WELLER	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	72.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	OCT COLLECTION-PUBLIC WORKS	75.00
GENESIS OCC HEALTH	REISSUE PMT GOH REFUNDED IN ER	156.25
CORY SNODGRASS	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
CHRISTIAN MARSH	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	20.00
JESSIE BAUGHMAN	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
BRANDON SMITH	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
JENNIFER BIELEMA	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	72.00

KEVIN DECKER	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
JEFFREY HACKNEY	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
MICHELLE SOWLE	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	20.00
THOMAS FRANKLIN	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	132.00
JOHN LUND	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	75.00
MICHAEL BURMAHL	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	72.00
TONY BLOMME	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	144.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	1,797.61
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	PAPER PRODUCTS-CITY HALL, PD	209.30
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	LIBRARY, CITY HALL COPIER LEASE	515.53
KYLE DEWITT	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	48.00
RILEY SOWLE	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	40.00
TEMP ASSOCIATES-IOWA, INC	LIBRARY-DOHSE THRU 9/15/24	1,076.63
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
AWESOME CAR WASH	JULY-SEPT PD FLEET WASHES	180.00
MICHAEL FREDERICK	BOOKS	75.00
TEXT MY GOV	TEXTING SOFTWARE MGMT/SUPPORT	3,500.00
PATRICK JONES	DJ-HOMECOMING PARTY INTHE PARK	250.00
JEREMIAH JACOBSEN	SEPT 24 PAID ON CALL	260.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	21.80
ARIAN STOWE	REIMBURSE EMT REGISTRY	139.00
CLINTON REG WATER RECL	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	90.00
JOE SNODGRASS	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	45.00
LEGACY FIRE APPARATUS-SH	PUMP TESTS-FIRE DEPARTMENT	1,600.00
GUARDIAN ALLIANCE TECH	ADDT'L BACKGROUND CKS-PD APPL	560.00
SAM HAGENSON	SEPT 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	204.00
KANOPY, INC.	VIDEO BOOKS-LIBRARY	14.00
T-MOBILE	PD CELL PHONES	118.70
NATIONAL BUSINESS FURNITU	DESK-SERGEANT'S OFFICE	796.45
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 10/02/2024	2,147.13
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 10/07/2024	54,888.30
	CLAIMS TOTAL	201,471.50
	GENERAL FUND	112,344.80
	LIBRARY FUND	9,053.13
	PARKS FUND	2,681.99
	CEMETERY FUND	2,860.34
	ROAD USE FUND	6,699.49
	9TH STREET PROJECT FUND	1,916.30
	ACC/GCC WATER LINE EXTENS FUND	1,067.50
	PFAS FUND	4,824.98
	WELL 7 FUND	12,020.40
	WELL 8 FUND	1,463.60
	WATER UTILITY FUND	16,711.46
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	29,123.82

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's September 2024 Report including Revenues: General Fund \$212,038.63, Library Fund \$22,029.66, Parks \$6,564.75, Cemetery \$4,911.25, Road Use \$72,600.13, Employee Benefit \$8,826.07, Police & Fire Pension \$17,132.95, Edens TIF \$13,383.44, Cross TIF \$8,864.12, Low/Moderate Housing-Edens \$8,409.59, Low/Moderate Housing-Cross \$5,432.85, Debt Service \$40,597.91, Water Utility Fund \$44,880.17, Sewer Utility Fund \$70,887.52, Landfill/Garbage \$49,527.60; Approve bid from Spencer Excavating for roadside mulching \$6,000.00. On roll call—all Ayes.

Regarding emergency warning sirens, Councilman Bowman recapped the previous discussion. We voted to decline the gift of a siren from Constellation and discussed purchasing new sirens. The purchase price would be a minimum of \$24,000 per siren, plus hooking each one up, and maintenance, and we would likely need three to reach the entire City for a total of probably \$100,000. Chance Kness, EMS Coordinator for Clinton County was in attendance and said that's not wrong. He said the City must choose: Have sirens or not, what coverage is needed, placement, what technology is desired, what decibel level is needed. He added that he is not qualified to design, we should consult with a siren vendor. He cannot give a yes or no, do this or that answer. Councilman Bowman said we also talked about other methods such as weather radios. There were 30-33 given away by Clinton County at the Fire Department open house. He added that he did the math and for the cost of the sirens, we could pass out weather radios to our citizens. Councilman Edens asked Mr. Kness if he knows of other communities keeping the sirens. Kness none of the communities who have made their decision have said yes, but there are communities still deciding.

City Administrator Kida led a discussion regarding recommended Code changes from ECIA. He said he sent a note to Council about this and legal has had a brief chance to look at it. He is looking for feedback from Council. Some are just language changes based on ECIA Codes Models that we don't have a full list of. Those recommended changes are in red. The biggest ones are in public safety about carrying a concealed weapon and possession of fireworks. Councilman Edens asked if we codify this, it means we accept whatever is printed, but we can review it and adjust it at a later date; Kida said yes, you can. Kida explained when you codify the Code, you are inserting all the changes that were made over the last five years, and then any of these recommended changes we insert that Council agrees to add. Notice is published that the Code is available to review, there is a Public Hearing, then Council votes to adopt the Ordinance to approve the codification of the Ordinances. Councilman Edens pointed out the off-road vehicle ordinance referencing between sunrise and sunset. Also, he wanted to verify the powers and duties of the Library Board and also the mobile homes and camper section; the term occupy is somewhat vague if it is not spelled out correctly. He thinks we need more definition; Kida does not disagree. City Attorney Current noted on some of them we may want to defer to state code and noted several other items that need to be cleaned up. Make sure you know what you are voting on. Kida asked Council to send their notes to him for low hanging fruit on document A. We will get to document B later. Councilman Klahn asked about the deadline; Kida said December. We can set more intricate items aside and codify the rest.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Edens to adopt a Resolution calling for a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 18 Zoning of the Camanche Code of Ordinances 18.08.460 Street Line Definition, 18.60.015 Accessory Building and Structure Location and 18.24.020 e 6 Permitted Uses Attached Garage Size. On roll call – all Ayes.

Due to the new layout of Rosehill Cemetery with the addition of the Cremation Garden, Kida recommended a new fee schedule. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the fees, how the Cemetery is currently subsidized by General Fund tax dollars as well as fees for services plus all of the proposed changes after Mayor Pruett read the proposed Resolution. It was decided to table this item until a future meeting so Council can decide what they want the fees to be.

Chief Schutte presented the Camanche Fire Department September 2024 report. Councilman Edens asked how the Open House went; Chief Schutte said about 300 attended.

Kida reported the first Quiet Zone forum was interesting; he took a lot of feedback and will be adjusting the survey. The next forum will be on Thursday at the Library. He gave kudos to Gaylon and Nate and the folks doing the install for cleaning up the data for submission of the lead and copper inventory report; it is a huge deal. Councilman Edens, the liaison for the Historical Board, passed along a challenge for the Christmas Tree decorating contest to the Department Heads. Pewe reported that the interior of Tower 1 is being cleaned today and the exterior of Tower 2 will be done next week. The buoys will be pulled next week; the docks after that. Bargaen did the crack sealing last week. We are waiting on salt delivery. We are 89% done with meter install. RMR will be back 3 more times, the rest of the installs will be on us. Chief Schmitz said he extended 2 conditional offers, one will be sworn in on December 3rd and go to the January academy, the other will be sworn in on April 1st and go to the May academy.

Mayor Pruett called for Public Comments; there were none.

Due to the lack of a quorum available to stay for Closed Session, it was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni L. Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer